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1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR TOKYO
DECEMBER 18 FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK TOLD REPORTERS THAT
ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD CONVENE IN FEBRUARY 1977.
MALIK SAID MEETING WOULD COMMEMORATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF
ASEAN BALI SUMMIT, BUT GAVE NEITHER LOCATION NOR EXACT
DATES FOR MEETINGS. HE ADDED THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD
SIGN AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT COVERING ECONOMIC MATTERS AT
THIS MEETING BUT AGAIN WOULD NOT GIVE SPECIFIC DETAILS.
(DOCUMENT IS THOUGHT TO BE ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT
DISCUSSED RECENTLY BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO WITH LEE KUAN YEW
IN SINGAPORE AND WITH THAIL PM THANIN IN JAKARTA.)

2. ASKED ABOUT PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, MALIK
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SAID ASEAN WOULD BE PLEASED BY ANY EFFORT TO SOLVE
CONFLICT BETWEEN MUSLIM REBELS AND PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT.
HE NOTED THAT THIS WAS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR FOR THE
PHILIPPINES, BUT HE BELIEVED THAT IT COULD BE SOLVED SINCE
THE MUSLIMS NO LONGER DEMAND INDEPENDENCE BUT ONLY
AUTONOMY. MALIK SAID ASEAN HAD WANTED TO HELP FROM THE

BEGINNING BUT ITS EFFORTS HAD NOT COINCIDED WITH THE
WISHES OF PRESIDENT MARCOS AND THEREFORE HAD NOT BEEN
EFFECTIVE.

3. MALIK WAS ENROUTE TO TOKYO FOR MEETING OF INDONESIAN
AMBASSADORS IN ASIAN COUNTRIES DECEMBER 20-22 TO DISCUSS
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION, INCLUDING SITUATIONS
IN CHINA AND VIETNAM. SUCH MEETINGS ARE HELD
PERIODICALLY, AND THIS ONE IS APPARENTLY BASIS FOR REPORTS
IN REFTELS CONCERNING GOI REPRESENTATIVES IN HANOI AND
VIENTIANE RETURNING FOR CONSULTATION.
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